GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
WATER RESOURCES
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:63
ANSWERED ON:26.02.2001
LINKING OF RIVERS
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Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) the steps taken so far for linking of major rivers in India;

(b) the results achieved in this regard;

(c) whether the Government have prepared any comprehensive plan for linking Sankosh and Ganga rivers; and

(d) if so, the progress made so far in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI ARJUN CHARAN SETHI)

(a) to (d) A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (d) OF STARRED QUESTION NO.63 TO BE ANSWERED ON 26.02.2001 IN THE LOK SABHA REGARDING LINKING OF RIVERS

a) & b) Ministry of Irrigation (now Ministry of Water Resources) and Central Water Commission have formulated a National Perspective Plan for water resources development which envisages inter linkages among the various Peninsular rivers and among the Himalayan rivers for transfer of water from surplus basins to water deficit basins for optimum utilisation of water resources. The Government of India has established National Water Development Agency (NWDA) as an Autonomous Society in July 1982 to inter-alia carry out the water balance and feasibility studies of the National Perspective Plan. The Plan envisages 17 water transfer links under the Peninsular rivers development component and 14 water transfer links under the Himalayan rivers development component. The pre-feasibility reports of all the 31 links have been completed. The feasibility reports of 5 links under the Peninsular rivers development component have also been completed.

c) & d) Under the Himalayan Rivers development component, inter-linking of Sankosh and Ganga by a link called Manas-Sankosh-Tista-Ganga link is envisaged. Pre- feasibility studies of this link have been completed and survey and investigation work has been taken up for preparing feasibility report.